

a card containing associated channels which are all idle from an Internet Protocol packet.

37. Apparatus for dynamically adapting a PBX network to maintain a Quality of Service level in the network comprising:

an assigning system which assigns various priorities to a plurality of network cards; and

a monitoring system which monitors the status of the network and removes a card having the lowest priority to thereby optimize the status of the network.--

#### REMARKS


Prior to the examination of this Application, Applicants have introduced additional claims 20-37 in order to appropriately claim the full scope of the invention to which they believe they are entitled. Early and favorable action is earnestly requested.

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